

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: May 14, 2021

Administration

Tuesday, Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Brents and I attended the monthly meeting of the Loveland Women's Club. During the meeting I made a presentation to the attendees on city departments and current projects.

Also, on Tuesday, I met with Mike Meldon from the Tree and Environment Committee. Mike and I met at the West Loveland entrance of Hidden Creek Park regarding the installation of a parking area.

The Law and Ordinance Committee met Wednesday to review proposed amendments to Chapter 1305: Technical Codes Adopted and the addition of a newly created Chapter 1310: Eminent Domain; Blight Removal; Declaration of Public Nuisance and Abatement to the City of Loveland Code of Ordinances. The committee made two separate motions recommending the policy additions to City Council with a vote of 6-0 for each. The committee has worked indefatigably over the past five months reviewing these code sections for consistency and compliance in preparation for a recommendation to the City Council. Additional information can be found at:

<http://lovelandoh.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1444&Inline=True>

Thursday, council member, Kent Blair, and I participated in a zoom meeting with a representative from the Melink Solar Power Corporation (Milford, Ohio) regarding the installation of solar panels on the new public works building. The meeting was very informative to both Mr. Blair and I, and we hope to be presenting related costs at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Also, on Thursday, Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith, and I met virtually with KZF Design to discuss timing and various contract expectations for the downtown streetscape plan. Following the existing conditions survey, we will be engaging the downtown business community and representatives from the Tree and Environment Committee and the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission for input on the plan. At various stages through the progression of the plan, presentations will be made to City Council to garner public input.

Following the press release announcing the dates for the 2021 Nisbet Park Summer Concert Series, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose was contacted by Fox 19 and asked to participate in an interview. The segment aired on May 10 (<https://www.fox19.com/video/2021/05/10/loveland-concert-park-series-returns-this-summer/>). Local 12 WKRC also broadcasted the concert dates on air May 11. In addition, this week the city made the announcement with Cincinnati Bell that Smart City is live.

Finance

On Tuesday, Director of Finance, Mark Medlar and I received notice that Moody's has reaffirmed the City's Aa2 bond rating. Aa2 is considered an excellent rating and is the third highest possible rating an organization can achieve. Moody's referenced the City's strong operating fund balance and liquidity supported by positive income tax trends as reasons for this strong rating. A bond rating is similar to an individual's credit score in that a higher rating can help secure more competitive interest rates and reflects positively about your overall fiscal health. This rating will help us to receive a competitive rate as we issue bonds for the new Public Works building and refund a portion of our current debt.

Building and Zoning

The Tahona Restaurant project continues to move forward with the completion of their kitchen hood inspections. The five-lot development on Cedar Drive is nearing completion with one outstanding temporary certificate of occupancy. The remaining items in need of address before the issuance of a certificate of occupancy are minor details to landscaping requirements. The developer plans to have those items installed as the weather improves.

Public Works

This week, Public Works began cleaning of one of the ground storage tanks at Phillips Park.



Police

This week is National Police Week. LPD participated in the Light Ohio Blue campaign to show support for our brothers and sisters who have lost their lives serving their communities. The Loveland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association dropped off gift bags for our members and several other businesses and individual showed their support as well.

Chief Rahe and I met with three of the police officer candidates. Chief Rahe assisted the IPS Group with the final installation of the parking meters. He and Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose will meet on Monday morning for a quick video release of the launch, which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19. IPS also trained public works members on how to service each unit.

K9 Mack located drugs at a traffic stop near 210 Oneida Drive. Video surveillance cameras were used to identify several people involved in a fight at Lever Park. SRO Jesse Moore is out with an injury for a minimum of 4 weeks.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Fire Station 63 Relocation Focus Group will meet on Thursday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

Also, on Thursday, May 20, the Veterans Memorial Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.